

## CHAPTER 89.

## BRIDGE OVER THE MISSISSIPPI.

AN ACT to authorize the Dubuque and Pacific Rail Road Company and others to bridge the Mississippi River at Dubuque.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Dubuque and Pacific Rail Road Company, or its assigns, shall have the right to construct a Railroad Bridge across the Mississippi River at Dubuque. Said Bridge shall not be below the Depot grounds now occupied by said Company on the Island in said city nor above Seventh Street.

R. R. Company have a right to build.

**SEC. 2.** Said Bridge shall, in addition to the Rail Road track, have a track for wagons and carriages, or track for foot passengers, or both. And in case of either, the City Council may, from time to time, fix the tolls to be received for the use of such wagon or foot track.

Provide Bridge for carriages.

Tolls fixed.

**SEC. 3.** Said Bridge shall be constructed with a draw of not less than two hundred feet, and in such a manner as not to obstruct the navigation of said river.

A draw.

**SEC. 4.** Said Bridge shall be commenced within three years, and completed within five years from the first of April next.

Time of construction.

**SEC. 5.** Said Bridge when constructed may be used by any Railroad Company connecting with either of the roads at either end of said Bridge, by paying a reasonable compensation for such use.

Use of bridge by Rail Road Companies.

**SEC. 6.** That if said Dubuque and Pacific Railroad Company or its assigns shall fail to commence the construction of said Bridge, and complete the same within the time by this act provided, then any other Railroad Company, having the termination of its road in Dubuque City, or having the right to run its train of cars into said city, is hereby authorized to construct such bridge, as is herein provided, and shall have the same length of time to commence and complete such Bridge as is herein provided, which time shall commence running from the time there shall be a failure on the part of the Dubuque and Pacific Railroad Company to comply with the terms of this act.

Failure to build, vests rights in oth'r companies

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its publication according to law. Take effect.

This Act having remained with the Governor three days (Sunday excepted) the General Assembly being in session, has become a law this twenty-second day of March A. D. 1856.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 90.

AN ACT to legalize the assessment of taxes made in the several counties of this State in the year 1855, 1856 and 1857.

### ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

WHEREAS, The County Assessor of several counties in this State failed to complete their assessment of property in their respective counties, and return their "Assessment Book" to the office of the County Judge of such counties by the first day of July, A. D., 1857, as they were required to do by the provisions of an act entitled an act in relation to the assessment of property, approved January 28th, 1857, and Returns not made in time.

WHEREAS, The said Assessors in many instances appointed Deputies to aid them in making said assessments; and Deputies appointed.

WHEREAS, In consequence of the said "Assessment Book" not being returned by the time required by law, and the County Judges having failed to hold a session for the correction of errors at the time fixed by law, the Board of equalization failed to meet at the time appointed by law, and equalize the assessments; and Board of equalization did not meet.

WHEREAS, The County Judge has in certain instances failed to place his warrant upon the tax book and order the Treasurer to collect the taxes so levied; and Judge did not place warrant upon tax book.

WHEREAS, Portions of certain counties were unequally assessed by the Assessor or Deputy of said county, and the Board or equalization having failed to equal- Unequal assessments.